GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Agriculture Department-Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University- Authorizing the ANGRAU to issue notices to the Unauthorized Private Agriculture Colleges in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Orders-Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.504 Dated:09.08.2019.

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.609, Agri.& Coop.(Agri.III) Dept., Dt.04.10.2017.
2. Minutes of the expert committee meeting held on 30.11.2017.
3. Orders Dated 12-10-2017 in WPMP No.42583 of 2017 in WP.No.34247 of 2017 .
4. From the Registrar, ANGRAU, Lr.No.26552/Acad./2017, Dt.23.04.2019.

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ORDER:-

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, Government have constituted a committee to verify the credentials of the bogus Agricultural Colleges in the State and to submit report.

2. Whereas, the Committee constituted vide G.O.1st read above in the meeting held on 30.11.2017, has observed that "as per UGC guidelines regarding establishment of Private Universities, a private university established under the State Act shall operate ordinarily within the boundary of the State concerned. However, after the development of main campus, in exceptional circumstances, the University may be permitted to open off-campus centres, off-shore campuses and study centres after five years of its coming into existence, subject to the condition that "the off-campus centre(s) and/or the study centre(s) shall be set up with the prior approval of the UGC and that of the State Government(s) where the centre(s) is/are proposed to be opened". The Committee has recommended to serve legal notices to the unauthorized private agriculture colleges in the State".

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, in WPMP No.42583 of 2017 in W.P.No.34247 of 2017 filed by M/s.Green Fields institute of Agriculture, Gudavali, Krishna District, the Hon'ble High Court in its orders dated 12.10.2017 has ordered as follows:

> "…… the learned counsel for the first respondent submits that as per the UGC guidelines issued in August 2014, a University established or incorporated by or under a State Act shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction and it cannot operate programmes through franchising arrangement with private coaching institutions even for the purpose of conducting courses through distance mode. It is further submitted that the petitioners are indulging such activities contrary to the guidelines issued by the UGC.
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> At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that before the Rajasthan High Court a writ petition was filed against the UGC and Rajasthan High Court passed an order restraining the respondents from taking any coercive steps.
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> In the circumstances though this court is not satisfied with regard to the cause of action, the respondents shall not interfere with the activities of the petitioners unless the activities are violative of any of the provisions of the State Act and this will not prevent the UGC from taking appropriate action by making any reference to the first respondent.
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> The W.P.M.P. is accordingly, disposed off….."

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4. Whereas, the advisory Departments has opined that" the Committee finds that certain unauthorized agriculture colleges are working in the State of Andhra Pradesh without the recognition of the competent authority. The regulation 3.3.1 of the University Grants Commission (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 reads that the off campus center(s) and /or the study centers shall be set up with the prior approval of the UGC and that of the State Government where the center is proposed to be opened. Even if the UGC accorded approval to the private agricultural college, State Government approval is also necessary to run the college. But in the present case of nature, the management of the college did not obtain any approval from the State Government. Hence, recommended to issue notices to the unauthorized Agricultural Colleges working in the State of Andhra Pradesh without approval of the competent authority".

5. Whereas in the reference 4th read above, the Standing Counsel of ANGRAU has opined that as per 3.3 of the University Grants Commission Regulations, 2003, If any private University plants to establish off campus center, it must obtain prior approval of the UGC as also of the concerned State Government and recommended that notice can be issued to the Private Universities that opening Off Campus Centers and action can be initiated to see that the Off Campus Centers are closed.

6. After careful examination of the entire matter and observed that as per UGC regulations the approval of the State Government is necessary to run the private agricultural college in the state, Government hereby authorize the Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Lam, Guntur to issue notices to the unauthorized private agricultural colleges running in the state without approval of the competent authority, duly following procedure in vogue while issuing the notices and take stringent action against them.

7. The Registrar, ANGRAU, A.P. Guntur shall take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (AGRI) (FAC)

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